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**ANDERSONVILLE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

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### **Andersonville Commemorates Veterans with Luminary Display**

Andersonville National Historic Site will commemorate the lives of Union and Confederate Soldiers who died at Andersonville prison by displaying over 13,000 luminaries on the evening of Saturday, March 8, 2008. The luminaries will be displayed at the historic prison site and visitors are invited to drive the loop road around the prison site in order to view the lights. The park's entrance gates will open at 7:00 pm and remain open until 10:00 pm.

Andersonville prison, officially named Camp Sumter, was in operation for 14 month during the last years of the Civil War. During that time nearly 13,000 Union prisoners perished. Over 200 Confederate staff also died while on duty at the prison, most of who are interred in Oak Grove Cemetery in Americus, GA.

"It is difficult to envision the loss of such a large number of people," stated Fred Boyles, Superintendent of the Historic Site, "The luminaries are a dramatic depiction of the sacrifice made by so many who gave their lives for our freedom."

Volunteer opportunities are available to assist park staff with this project. If you are interested in being a part of this tribute, please call the park at 229-924-0343 ext 203 to register.

Andersonville National Historic Site is located ten miles north of Americus, Georgia on Highway 49. Park grounds open at 8:00 a.m., the National Prisoner of War Museum opens at 8:30 a.m. The park closes at 5:00 p.m. For more information call 229-924-0343.

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